

Serigraph Annual Green Tier Report – For Calendar Year 2017

Facility Summary, Milestones, and Context for Performance Data

Facility Summary

Serigraph Inc. is a manufacturer of decorative components for a wide range of OEM customers as well as the Point-of-Purchase advertising industry. Serigraph's environmental ethics extend beyond meeting and exceeding regulated and unregulated edicts. The scope of the Green Tier 2 application is Serigraph's plant 1 and plant 2 facilities, also known as the Industrial Graphics (IG) Division and Specialty Division respectively. Corporate headquarters is located in plant 2.

Opportunities are identified at Serigraph to prevent pollution, minimize the use of raw materials and reduce energy consumption as part of the ISO 14001 process. Efforts are in place to reduce waste at all levels of the organization. Serigraph has shared its sustainability and pollution prevention activities with several organizations in 2017. The quantity of parts produced was down significantly in 2017 from 2016 with a drop of 10.3% in volume. Scrap as a percent of cost was 25% lower in 2017 versus 2016, which has a significant favorable environmental impact since less raw materials and energy are consumed as well as less emissions being generated. Continuous improvement efforts to waste and scrap continue to drive Serigraph's operational efforts.

Context for Performance Data

Data collected is for the IG Division and Plant 1 Specialty Division.

Table 1: Improved Environmental Performance

TYPE OF PERFORMANCE MEASURE	METRIC (Suggested Units) SigEA=Significant Environmental Aspect)	DATA COLLECTION	2004 (Baseline)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	NOTES
Air emissions (SigEA)	VOCs tons/year	Serigraph	18.58	17.9	13.8	20.58	16.2		The ratio is half of baseline year. Humidification chamber being used to control VOCs.
	Pounds of VOCs per 10,000 parts produced	IG Division	6.97	3.14	2.3	3.9	3.5		
	FED HAPs (tons/year)	Serigraph P2	12.7	9.8	6.2	4.9	5.1		HAPs Total tons remains low
	Pounds of HAPS per 10,000 parts produced	IG Division	2.9	1.7	1.1	.94	1.1		
Energy use reduction (SigEA)	Electricity (KWh/year)	Serigraph P1 & P2	14,635,574	12,940,236	12,578,007	11,840,936	11,701,256		Serigraph is part of strategic energy management program with Focus on Energy and measures actual kWh usage vs projected based on FOE model and Serigraph saved 1,186 MMBtu's relative to predicted model in 2017 due to energy saving actions
	Parts produced per kWh	IG Div	5.0	9.0	9.6	8.9	7.8		
	Natural gas (Therms/year)	Serigraph P2	385,583	423,493	385,709	361,082	352,324		Serigraph is part of strategic energy management program with Focus on Energy and measures actual kWh usage vs projected based on FOE model and Serigraph saved 1,186 MMBtu's relative to predicted model in 2017 due to energy saving actions
	Parts produced per Therm	IG Div	91.9	269.3	313.6	293.3	260.62		
Non-Hazardous waste	Water based ink waste, UV ink waste, Used oil	Serigraph	94,963	7,826	25,202	12,413	15,150		Non-hazardous waste increased due to total pounds of UV ink usage going up
Hazardous waste (SigEA)	Hazardous waste (lbs/year)	Serigraph P2	83,213	13,301	13,099	13,183	13,241		Hazardous waste continues to remain low as ratio to parts produced relative to baseline
	Haz waste lbs as ratio to 10,000 parts produced		14.99	1.17	1.08	1.24	1.44		

TYPE OF PERFORMANCE MEASURE	METRIC (Suggested Units) SigEA=Significant Environmental Aspect)	DATA COLLECTION	2004 (Baseline)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	NOTES
Amount of recycling (SigEA)	Polycarbonate-recycled (lbs/year)	Serigraph	992,291	647,906	611,843	440,657	322,098		Less scrap and volume = less recycled material
	Paper-total recycled (lbs/year)	Serigraph	968,681	597,791	644,564	712,073	698,903		
	Metals-recycled (lbs/year)	Serigraph	129,425	62,888	77,108	49,163	32,314		
	Reclaim - Reduce ratio of pounds of solvent used per sq in of mesh used (Must be <.05)	Serigraph Plt 2	.016	.028	.023	.023	.0228		Performance remains strong over past four years
	Percentage of Low VOC (<3.3 lbs/gal) ink versus Conventional P1 & P2	Serigraph P1 and P2	52.2%	63.7%	60.3%	70.3%	78.2%		Dictated by % of product that is formed and customer designs. Low VOC inks are selected whenever possible

Table 2: "Beyond Compliance" Activities and Improved Management Practices

TYPE OF PERFORMANCE MEASURE	METRIC (Suggested Units)	DATA COLLECTION	2004 (Baseline)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	NOTES
Commitments to “superior environmental performance” (from Green Tier acceptance letter)	VOC and air toxics emissions reductions	See VOC/HAP measures in Table 1	See Table 1	See table 1	See table 1	See table 1	See table 1		
	Waste minimization, including recycling	See recycling, solid waste, and hazardous waste measures in Table 1	See Table 1	See table 1	See table 1	See table 1	See table 1		
	Minimizing solvent usage for Parts cleaning (lbs per year)	Serigraph P2	4,336	410	0	0	0		
	Reduction in electrical consumption	See electricity consumption in Table 1	See Table 1	See Table 1	See Table 1	See table 1	See table 1		
	Prairie restoration and natural maintenance	Serigraph	75 acres	20 acres	20 acres	20 acres	20 acres		Land sold to Ozaukee land trust so it will remain preserved
	Low VOC coatings to replace conventional ink %	Serigraph P2		63.7%	60.3%	70.3%	78.2%		Continuing to use more Low VOC inks
Environmental management improvement	Number of spill (spills per year)	Serigraph	2	0	0	0	0		
Environmental management improvement	# of minor EMS non-conformances identified in annual internal EMS audits	Serigraph P2	N/A	0	0	3	0		Minor procedure updates corrected

Table 3: Pollution Prevention Activities Identified and Undertaken

Prevention Activities	Year Initiated	Relevant Outcome Measure (Impact on Environment)
Recycling	1989	Increase Recycling measures to reduce landfill
Focusing on operational excellence (including identifying and developing low VOC ink systems)	1997	Reduce VOC emissions
Develop and test alternative ink systems	2000	Reduce VOC content per unit of ink used
Researching alternative low-VOC solvents	2003	Reduce VOC emissions
Tested and using low VOC wash solutions	2003	Reduce VOC emissions
Entered into an interruptible power agreement with WE Energy	2005	Reduce Electricity use
Installed energy efficient frequency drive motors in the cooling towers	2005	Reduce Electricity use
Use VOC-free fountain solution in the pressroom	2005	Reduce VOC emissions
Pumping water used during screen reclamation to bio-filter instead of using fresh water from city	2006	Reduce Water use
Purchased a power monitoring and energy shed program for building management system	2006	Reduce Electricity use
Installed energy efficient lighting fixtures throughout plant 2	2008	Reduce Electricity use
Replaced de-ionized water in Reliability lab with Reverse Osmosis treated water already available in plant	2009	Reduce energy usage
Pumping anti-foam into water before bio-filter reservoir instead of after to prevent foam rather than controlling it.	2010	Reduce Water use
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Installed energy efficient lighting in new Fulfillment facility. 2. Eliminated salting and plowing of western edge of parking lot which is not used saving 4,500 lbs of salt/yr and preventing runoff. 3. Installed additional motion sensors 	2011	<p>Reduce energy usage</p> <p>Prevent runoff, reduce vehicle emissions</p> <p>Reduce energy usage</p>
Installed LED lighting for inspection replacing incandescent in P2	2012	Reduce energy usage, improve ergonomics/safety
Added LED parking lot lighting at Specialty plant	2014	Reduce energy consumption and improve safety

Joined Strategic Energy Management Team through FOE to identify energy reduction opportunities	2015	Reduce energy usage
Added LED parking lot lamps at plants 1 and 2 and replaced boilers with energy efficient models	2016	Reduce energy usage and improve safety
1. Balanced all jet dryers and on jet dryer 373; modified baffles to even out air flow and thermal mapped each zone to improve heat control. 2. Added frequency drives to office room air handlers to reduce energy consumption	2017	Reduce energy usage and improve safety

Significant Environmental Aspects

Operation	Aspect	Frequency	Severity	Controls	Priority Number (FxSxC)	Legal / Regulatory requirement
Screen Reclaim - Cleaning Screens	VOC generation	4	5	2	40.0	DNR Air Permit NR 407; NR 422
Humidity Chamber operation	HAP & VOC reduction	3	5	2	30.0	40 CFR SARA Title 313; DNR Air Permit NR 407, NR 423
Printing, Ink room, Post Printing	Hazardous waste / HAP / VOC generation	4	4	2	32.0	NR 661,662 & 663; 40 CFR 206-262; DNR Air permit
Production / Facility (Electricity and Natural Gas)	Power Consumption	5	3	2	30.0	
Printing/Post Printing (Cleaning Solvents)	VOC generation	4	3	2	24.0	DNR Air Permit NR 407; NR 422
Ink room - Matching Colors (Solvents)	VOC generation	4	3	2	24.0	SARA Title 313; DNR Air Permit NR 407, NR 423

Printing, Ink room, Post Printing	Generation of Recycling material	5	3	2	30.0	
Sulfuric acid storage	Potential Chemical spill	4	4	2	32.0	Tier II; 40 CFR 370 section 312
Hazardous waste storage / Disposal	Potential Hazardous waste spill	4	4	2	32.0	RCRA

Controls for Significant Aspects:

Procedure to control VOC reclaim Solvents	SCR-21.734-F
Biofilter Abatement plan	ENV-17.004-P
VOC Reduction using UV to replace Conventional ink Using Launch Process when possible and / or Bio-filter	SAL - 2.009-P
Printing Scrap % of Cost Control	Dashboard
Recycling procedure for materials	ENV-17.357-W, ENV-17.357-F
VOC Reduction using proper screen reclamation process	SCR-21.353-W
Sulfuric acid control and storage procedure	ENV-17.369-W
Hazardous waste storage / Disposal process	ENV-17.368-W ENV-17.371-W
VOC cleaning solvents	ENV-17.376-W

Significant Aspects Continual Improvement:

Water removed from FY 2008 due to Water reclamation project

Blue tape removed from FY 2008 due to change in procedures

Procedure to control wipes removed from FY 2008

Lighting system change from metal hyalite to fluorescent to save electricity

De-ionized water replaced with RO water

Implemented on base electronic filing system 2009

Tool cleaning solvent process changed in 2009 to reduce usage

Wipes - Purchasing buys reusable wipes

Water saved by adding de-foamer in chiller room to reduce fresh water usage in 2011

Replaced boilers with energy efficient models and replaced parking lighting with LED in 2016